

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An adjustable door guide latch slot assembly for aligning a slidable door latch with a fixed door guide, the assembly comprising:

a striker plate having a latch opening therein, and a door guide ~~having a channel sized adapted to retain a door slidably therein such that the door can move slidably along a length of the guide when the door is retained in the guide,~~ the channel guide including an inner surface and an opening therein, with said opening being larger than said striker plate latch opening, whereby said striker plate may be adjustably affixed directly to said door guide inner surface so that said striker plate latch opening aligns with said slidable door latch.

2. (Original) The adjustable latch slot assembly of claim 1, further comprising a recessed area on said door guide inner surface that is large enough so that said striker plate may be placed flat within said recessed area.

3. (Currently amended) The adjustable latch slot assembly of Claim 2 wherein ~~the depth of said recessed area~~ the recessed area has a depth that is at least as great as the a thickness of said striker plate.

4. (Original) The adjustable latch slot assembly of Claim 1 wherein said door guide opening has alignment slots for accommodating various positions of placement of said striker plate against said door guide inner surface.

5. (Original) The adjustable latch slot assembly of Claim 2 wherein said door guide opening has alignment slots for accommodating various positions of placement of said striker plate against said door guide inner surface.

6. (Original) The adjustable latch slot assembly of Claim 3 wherein said door guide opening has alignment slots for accommodating various positions of placement of said striker plate against said door guide inner surface.

7. (Original) The adjustable latch slot assembly of Claim 2 wherein said striker plate has a first set of fastener openings for receiving fasteners to affix said striker plate to said door guide.

8. (Original) The adjustable latch slot assembly of Claim 3 wherein said striker plate has a first set of fastener openings for receiving fasteners to affix said striker plate to said door guide.

9. (Original) The adjustable latch slot assembly of Claim 4 wherein said striker plate has a first set of fastener openings for receiving fasteners to affix said striker plate to said door guide.

10. (Original) The adjustable latch slot assembly of Claim 6 wherein said striker plate has a first set of fastener openings for receiving fasteners to affix said striker plate to said door guide.

11. (Original) The adjustable latch slot assembly of Claim 1 further comprising a security device having a latch port for accepting said door latch whereby said security device is affixed to said adjustable striker plate to accommodate the position of said door latch.

12. (Original) The adjustable latch slot assembly of Claim 3 further comprising a security device having a latch port for accepting said door latch whereby said security device is affixed to said adjustable striker plate to accommodate the position of said door latch.

13. (Original) The adjustable latch slot assembly of Claim 4 further comprising a security device having a latch port for accepting said door latch whereby said security device is affixed to said adjustable striker plate to accommodate the position of said door latch.

14. (Currently amended) An adjustable door guide latch slot assembly for aligning a slidable door latch with a fixed door guide, the assembly comprising:

a striker plate having a latch opening therein and a door guide ~~having a channel sized adapted~~ adapted to retain a door ~~slidably~~ slidably therein such that the door can move slidably along a length of the guide when the door is retained in the guide, the ~~channel~~ guide including an inner surface, with a recessed area on said inner surface, said recessed area being larger than said striker plate, the inner surface further having an opening therein, with said opening being larger than said striker plate latch opening, whereby said striker plate may be placed flat against said door guide inner surface in said recessed area and adjustably affixed to said door guide inner surface so that said striker plate latch opening aligns with said slidable door latch.

15. (Original) The adjustable latch slot assembly of Claim 14 wherein the depth of said recessed area is at least as great as the thickness of said striker plate.

16. (Original) The adjustable latch slot assembly of Claim 15, whereby said door guide opening has alignment slots for accommodating various positions of said striker plate against said door guide inner surface.

17. (Original) The adjustable latch slot assembly of Claim 16 further comprising a first set of fastener openings in said striker plate for affixing said striker plate to said door guide.

18. (Original) The adjustable latch slot assembly of Claim 17 further comprising a security device having a latch receiving port for accepting said door latch whereby said security device is affixed to said adjustable striker plate so that said security device latch receiving port aligns with said slidable door latch.

19. (Currently amended) An adjustable door guide latch slot assembly for aligning a slidable door latch with a fixed door guide, the assembly comprising:

a striker plate having a latch opening therein;

a door guide ~~having a channel sized~~ adapted to retain a door ~~slidably~~ therein such that the door can move slidably along a length of the guide when the door is retained in the guide, the channel guide including an outer surface and an inner surface with a recessed area larger than said striker plate and having an opening therein extending from the inner surface to the outer surface, with said opening being larger than said striker plate latch opening; and

a security device having a latch receiving port, the security device extending out from the outer surface of the door guide,

whereby said striker plate may be placed flat against said door guide inner surface within said recessed area and may be adjustably affixed to said door guide inner surface so that said striker plate latch opening aligns with said slidable door latch and whereby said security device is affixed to said adjustable striker plate so that said latch receiving port aligns with both said striker plate latch opening and said slidable door latch.

20. (Original) The adjustable latch slot assembly of Claim 19 wherein the depth of said recessed area is at least as great as the thickness of said striker plate.

21. (Original) The adjustable latch slot assembly of Claim 20 wherein said door guide opening further comprises alignment slots for accommodating various positions of said striker plate against said door guide inner surface.

22. (Previously presented) A method of adjustably aligning a latch slot in a fixed door guide with a slidable door latch comprising the steps of:

providing a striker plate having a latch opening therein; and

providing a door guide having a channel sized to retain a door slidably therein, the channel including an inner surface and an opening therein, with said opening being larger than said striker plate latch opening,

whereby said striker plate may be adjustably affixed to said door guide inner surface so that said striker plate latch opening aligns with said slidable door latch.